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Working paper submitted by Belarus, Kazakhstan and Ukraine

Belarus, Kazakhstan and Ukraine propose that the following elements be included in the Report of the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in the section on Nuclear Disarmament

The States parties are encouraged by the historic events of the past few years that enhanced the atmosphere of trust, mutual respect and partnership among the States as well as the prerequisites for practical implementation of the idea to free the world of nuclear weapons, in particular the voluntary decision of Belarus, Kazakhstan and Ukraine to withdraw all tactical and strategic nuclear weapons from their territories.

The international community welcomes the signing on 26 September 1997 by Belarus, Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, Ukraine and the United States of America of a number of significant agreements that contribute to ensuring the viability of the Treaty on the Limitation of Anti-Ballistic Missile Systems.

The States parties welcome the important contribution made by Belarus, Kazakhstan and Ukraine to the implementation of article VI of the Treaty through their significant measures in nuclear disarmament and consistent fulfillment of their obligations under the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks and the Treaty between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Elimination of Their Intermediate-Range and Shorter-Range Nuclear Missiles, and note with satisfaction the current efforts of those States to the strengthening of the Treaty through enhancing regional and global security.

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